

SUDBURY URBAN DISTRICT

OR

BOROUGH OF



SUDBURY

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WEST SUFFOLK.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1944

SECTION A.

1—General Statistics.

Population—6525	Number of Inhabited Houses	2095
Area—1834 acres.	Rateable Value	£32139
	Sum represented by a penny rate	£123 7s. 11d.

2—Extract of Vital Statistics for the year.

LIVE BIRTHS.	}	Legitimate,	<i>Total.</i> 100	<i>M.</i> 49	<i>F.</i> 51	Live Birth Rate per 1000, estimated population England & Wales	17.9 17.3
		Illegitimate,	17	12	5					
			TOTAL	...	117	61	56			
STILL BIRTHS.	}	Legitimate,	1	0	1	Rate per 1000 total births	25.0
		Illegitimate,	2	1	1	Rate per 1000 population	0.45
			TOTAL	...	3	1	2	Rate per 1000 population, England & Wales
DEATHS.	107	53	54	Death Rate (crude)	16.4
						Death Rate of England & Wales	11.6
Number of women dying in or in consequence of child-birth						}	from sepsis	0
							other causes	0
Deaths of infants under one year—Legitimate 7						Illegitimate 2	Total 9
Death Rate of infants under one year—										
All infants per 1000 live births						76.9
England & Wales per 1000 live births						46
Legitimate infants per 1000 Legitimate live births						70
Illegitimate infants per 1000 Illegitimate live births						117.6
Deaths from Measles (all ages)						0
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages)						1
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)						4
,, ,, Cancer (all ages)						12

SECTION B.

WATER SUPPLY.

Plentiful supply, purity good. Analysis made 6 times with good results.

SEWERAGE.

A fair affluent has been maintained. No change made in the method of dealing with the sewerage.

SECTION C.

Health Services.

(1) PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health (part time). One Sanitary Inspector, also part time. Associate Member of Sanitary Institute.

(2) AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

(a) *For Infectious Cases.*

All cases are sent to Colchester, and the Colchester ambulance fetches the cases.

(b) *For Accident Cases and Non-Infectious Cases.*

The Ambulance run by the Voluntary Aid Detachment of the Red Cross Society has proved itself adequate for the needs of the district.

(3) NURSING IN THE HOME.

General. Two district nurses are available.

Infectious Diseases. No facilities for nursing infectious diseases exist.

(4) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre under the West Suffolk County Council, and attended by the County Medical Officer of Health.

There is also a School Clinic run by the School Medical Officers of the County.

(5) HOSPITALS.

No change since these were last reported upon.

SECTION D.

Infectious Diseases.

NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED.

Disease.	Cases Notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	16	15	0
Diphtheria	1	1	0
Whooping Cough	9	0	1
Measles	2	0	0
Cerebrospinal Fever	1	1	0
Ophthalmia	1	0	0

There were 2 cases of recurrence of malaria in returned soldiers.

AGE OF INCIDENCE.

Disease.	Under year.	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10—	15—	20—	35—	45—	65 & over.
Scarlet Fever	1	2	7	4	1
Diphtheria	1
Whooping Cough	1	1	1	1	5
Measles	1	1
Cerobrospinal Fever	1	...

The Scarlet Fever was of mild type and very difficult to diagnose. There were 2 small epidemics, one in January and February, and one in October to December.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Only one notification received of disease of the peritoneum age 12.

Deaths. Two cases, one male, one female, due to pulmonary disease and one due to disease of peritoneum.

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